

BA-596
St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory
3738 Butler Road
Glyndon vic.
Private
1842-44

St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory is located at 3738 Butler Road in northwest Baltimore County, several hundred feet west of the stone church and on the same grounds as that building. The rectory faces southwest toward Piney Run Road, and is a 2-½ story, three-bay by three-bay side passage plan structure of rubble stone with quoins. The stone appears to be local marble. It has a gable roof with slate and a northwest-southeast ridge. On the southwest elevation, the south bay has a door and a portico with four Greek Doric columns. The windows have six-over-six sash, and on the roof are two dormers. There is a two story, two-bay by two-bay wing connected to the east and center bays of the northeast elevation of the main block. This wing is actually two stories on the southeast side and one story on the northwest side, having a shed roof that slopes down to the northwest and has standing seam metal roofing. The wing is constructed of rubble stone marble walls, and has an interior brick chimney on the northeast. There is no evidence that any windows on the second story have been closed off to accommodate this wing, suggesting that it is original. On the southeast elevation of the wing, the first story is covered by a large enclosed sun porch that extends to cover one bay of the main block.

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as the church. It was erected during the last season and cost, together with the wall surrounding the church lot, two thousand six hundred and ninety three dollars." The house is a typical vernacular side-passage plan dwelling, with a few Greek Revival details on the porch, but little to suggest that the Greek Revival had made much impact this far from Baltimore. It must be considered an important building for understanding rural antebellum Baltimore County housing because it is dated. Periodic improvements were made. One of these was the roof of the parsonage, which was repaired in 1878 during renovations to the parsonage, and was finally replaced in September 1880 at a cost of \$93.00.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-596

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church Rectory
other St. John's in the Valley Rectory

2. Location

street and number 3738 Butler Road not for publication
city, town Glyndon X vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Vestry of St. John's Church
street and number 3738 Butler Road telephone 410-833-5300
city, town Glyndon state MD zip code 21071

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 40-107
city, town Towson liber unkn folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☒ Other MIHP, 1976

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. John's Episcopal Church Rectory is located at 3738 Butler Road in northwest Baltimore County, Maryland, several hundred feet west of the stone church and on the same grounds as that building. The rectory faces southwest toward Piney Run Road, and is a 2-½ story, three-bay by three-bay side passage plan structure of rubble stone with quoins. The stone appears to be local marble. It has a gable roof with slate and a northwest-southeast ridge. On the southwest elevation the foundation has a four-light sash with rubble stone voussoirs between the west and center bays. The first story has two six-over-six double-hung sash with smooth limestone sills and rubble stone voussoirs. The wood window frames have a beaded interior edge and there are exterior blinds. The south bay has a door with two tall panels, sidelights with four lights above a panel, and a three light transom. The door panels have sunk fields and quirked Greek ogee panel moulds. These same panels are found beneath the sidelights and on the soffit and jambs. There is one panel on the soffit over the door and one over each sidelight, and two panels on each jamb, one at the level of the sidelight and one at the level of the panel below. The doorway has a smooth marble sill, and two plain pilaster strips. There is a portico with four Greek Doric columns. The soffit has wood slats and the deck is also wood. The portico has a pediment with a Greek ovolo cornice on the raking eave and horizontal flush beaded-edge boards in the tympanum. The gable roof of the portico has an n northeast-southwest ridge and is covered in slate. The second story has three typical six-over-six sash that are shorter than the first story. There is a wood box cornice with an ogee bed mould. On the roof are two dormers, one at the south edge of the west bay and the other between the center and south bays. They have six-over-six sash with architrave that has plain corner blocks. The architrave is symmetrical and appears to have two beads in the center. There is an interior brick chimney.

The northwest elevation has a projecting one-bay stone cellar entrance at the west corner. It has a gable roof with a southeast-northwest ridge and is covered in slate. There are double vertical board doors hung on T-strap hinges, and there are flush beaded-edge boards in the gable end. On the first story, the north bay has a typical six-over-six sash. The second story north bay also has a typical six-over-six sash. The center bay has a small typical six-over-six sash. There are two small four-over-four sash in the gable end, with smooth limestone sills, no voussoirs, and typical window frames. There are tapered rake boards that have a beaded bottom edge.

On the northeast elevation, the north bay has a typical six-over-six sash on both the first and second stories. The cornice and the two dormers are the same as on the southwest elevation.

There is a two story, two-bay by two-bay wing connected to the east and center bays of the northeast elevation of the main block. This wing is actually two stories on the southeast side and one story on the northwest side, having a shed roof that slopes down to the northwest and has standing seam metal roofing. The wing is constructed of rubble stone marble walls, and has an interior brick chimney on the northeast. There is no evidence that any windows on the second story have been closed off to accommodate this wing, suggesting that it is original. The northwest elevation of the wing has a typical six-over-six sash to the north and a recent addition to the west that has weatherboards, two six-over-six sash, and a door on the northeast end. The northeast elevation of the wing has a typical six-over-six sash on the second story, set to the east. On the southeast elevation of the wing, the first story is covered by a large enclosed sun porch that extends to cover one bay of the main block. The porch has a shed roof of standing seam metal and a center door with a four-over-four sash to each side and three six-over-six sash to each side of them. The second story of the wing has two small typical six-over-six sash. The stone of the wing is toothed into the stonework of the house.

The southeast elevation of the house has two four-light sash behind horizontal wood louvers in the foundation. These openings have typical frames and voussoirs. The first story has a typical six-over-six sash to the south and the second story has two typical six-over-six sash. The gable end has two round arched windows above three light bottom sash. These openings have smooth sills and brick voussoirs. There are tapered rake boards, and diamond tie rods between the first and second stories.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	n/a	Architect/Builder	n/a
Construction dates	1842		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

In 1815 the congregation of St. John's Episcopal Church in Western Run Parish, near Glyndon, held a lottery to raise funds for a church building, and the following year the cornerstone was laid. The date stone from this building survives today in the present sanctuary. In 1842 John Johns, a parishioner, paid for the construction of the rectory and the stone fence around the churchyard. Both of these were described in a letter of 1844 to Bishop Whittingham: "St. John's Church is built of white limestone and is sufficiently large to accommodate as many as three hundred worshippers. . . . There is a handsome parsonage attached to the church, and is built of the same material as the church. It was erected during the last season and cost, together with the wall surrounding the church lot, two thousand six hundred and ninety three dollars." The house is a typical vernacular side-passage plan dwelling, with a few Greek Revival details on the porch, but little to suggest that the Greek Revival had made much impact this far from Baltimore. Unfortunately, the interior was not accessible for examination and documentation. It might show more Greek influence, and must be considered an important building for understanding rural antebellum Baltimore County housing because it is dated. (1)

Periodic improvements were made. One of these was the roof of the parsonage, which was repaired in 1878 during renovations to the parsonage, and was finally replaced in September 1880 at a cost of \$93.00. (2)

Notes:

(1) Margaret Worrall, The History of St. John's Church, Western Run Parish, 1800-2000. (Glyndon, Md.: The Vestry of St. John's Church, 2000), pp. 10-13, 29-30, 32, 34, 40. There were earlier histories, but Worrell's is the most complete, and covers the earlier material. Unfortunately, she does not note her sources. E. P. Philpott to Bishop William R. Whittingham, 1 April 1844, Maryland Diocesan Archives.

(2) Worrall, The History of St. John's Church, p. 47. St. John's Church, "Proceedings of the Vestry, 1820-1891," pp. 273-75.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 A.

Acreage of historical setting 5 A.

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the entire grounds of lot 107.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth M. Short

organization date 01/17/2003

street and number 610 Regester Ave. telephone 410-377-4953

city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21212-1915

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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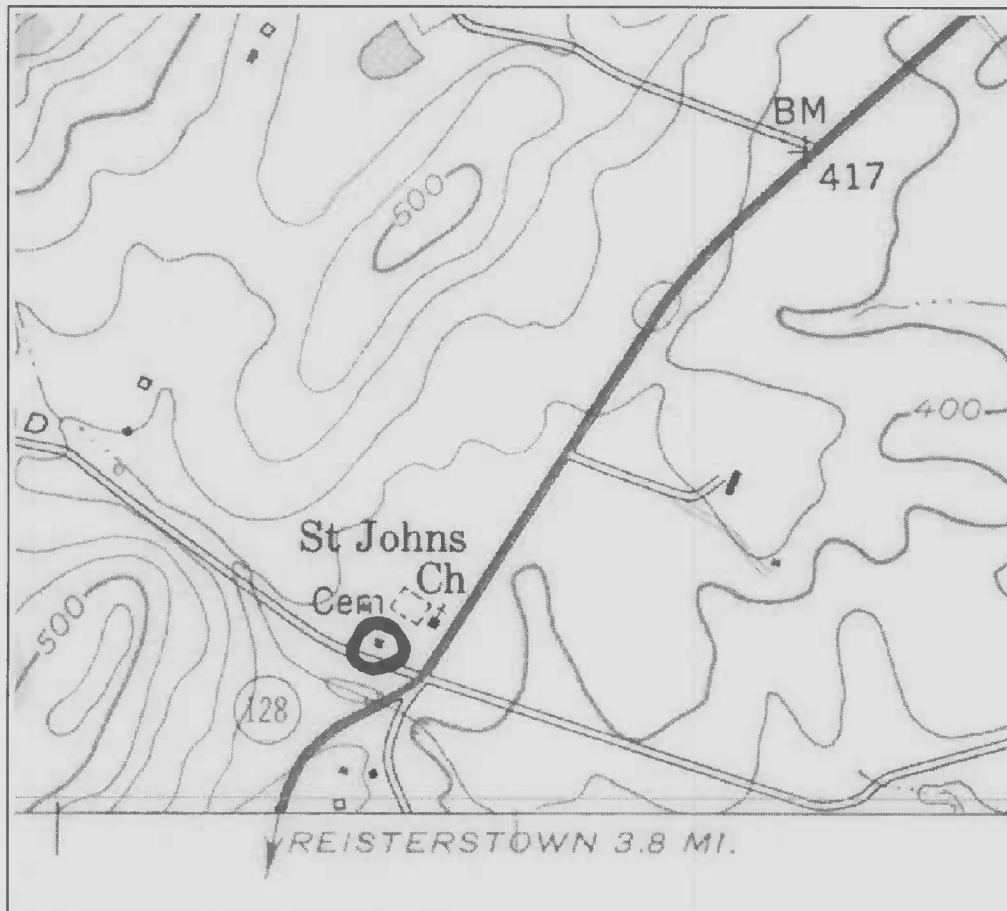
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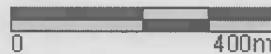
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Hampstead Quad 7.5' Topo



N 204087.38m E 419041.44m



Coordinates at center of image in Maryland State Plane, NAD 1983 meters

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Northwest & southwest elevs

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church, Worthington				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: North side of Piney Grove Road west of Butler Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Vestry of St. John's Church, Worthington				
STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's Church, Worthington				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore City Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Calvert and Lexington Sts.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): AWE 455/198				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ST. JOHN'S RECTORY is a three bay, $2\frac{1}{2}$ storey, gable roofed, rubble stone house with a contemporaneous rear service wing of two bays, $1\frac{1}{2}$ storeys, covered with a shed roof, its peak above the east wall, which is flush with the east wall of the main house, the principal front of which faces a little west of south (hereinafter called south), oriented to the road. Rising flush with the west end of the main house is a wide brick chimney; a secondary chimney rises flush with the north end of the wing. In the easterly bay of the south front is the principal entrance, with its paneled jambs, its transeam and sidelights, sheltered by a one storey, one bay Tuscan portico. Masonry above all principal windows, which are 6/6, with leuvred blinds, is supported by a jack arch of stone. The two attic windows in the east gable are arched with a semi-circular arch of brick. On each front, two dormers with corner-block architrave trim light the attic storey. A stone walled, gable roofed cellar entrance projects from the west end near the southwest corner of the main house.

Internally, the main house consists of a side hall extending through the east bay, with an open staircase ascending to the third floor. A pair of rooms is west of the hall in each storey. These of the first storey are connected by a triple door; modern bathrooms and closets have been introduced between the original pair of rooms in the second storey. Window jambs in the front room extend to the floor, and are paneled. Mantels consist of Tuscan columns supporting a paneled frieze and moulded shelf; the panel immediately above each column is a shallow, unmoulded Gothic arch, a Gothic-revival element in an otherwise Greek-revival feature. Doors are of two tall panels, with shallow raises and loose mouldings; third storey doors omit the mould-

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8. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)		1842-43	
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Rectory of St. John's Church, Worthington, located directly west of the church on Piney Grove Road, is a well-preserved, mid-19th century house, completely traditional and faithful to the building trends of its day. It was erected in 1842-43 as a gift to the church by John Jehas and deeded to the vestry in 1850.</p> <p>Rightmeyer's history of St. John's recounts several efforts at renovation - a new roof in 1877 and more complete repairs and modernization in 1929 following a period of financial embarrassment and loss of communicants in the parish.</p> <p>The present rector, Rev. Philip Roulette, and his family now occupy the rectory, as have most of the previous rectors.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"St. John's Church in the Valley, Western Run Parish, Record Book 1810-92".
Bound manuscript with family notes by Rev. Ethan Allen.
Maryland Historical Society.

Rightmyer, Rev. Nelson Waite, Ed.D. A Short History of Saint John's Church,
Werthington Valley, Western Run Parish. Privately printed. 1963.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

Acreage Justification:

*See St. John's Church nomination

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black and James T. Wellen, Jr., AIA	
ORGANIZATION: Werthington Valley Historical District Project	DATE: Jan. 1, 1976
STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemore Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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Question 7

ings. Moulded architraves have turned corner blocks. The doors and trim of such added features as bathrooms and closets are very similar to the originals, but with slight differences in the profiles.

The original kitchen, located in the north bay of the rear wing, is fitted with a large fireplace for cooking. An entry passage and pantry occupy the bay between the kitchen and the main house.

Upper floor plans are similar to the first, with a small room partitioned above the front entrance hall. Woodwork of each storey is similar, becoming simpler with each storey. The unfinished cellar extends beneath the main house only.



St. John's Rectory
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